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Annual Report

For the Town of

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year Ending December 31

1963

COVENTRY - BENTON

On January 31, 1764, His Excellency, Benning Wentworth, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New Hampshire, etc., granted to Theophilus Fitch and sixty-four other proprietors a new township named Coventry.

Now, two hundred years later, this township, renamed Benton in 1840, has a resident adult population somewhat fewer in number than the original proprietors. Yet for many generations, we have sent sturdy people outside our boundaries, and all over the United States there are descendants of Coventry-Benton families.

As we start the third century of our history, we feel that it is fitting to take some small notice of our past. It is for this reason that plans are being made to celebrate the Coventry-Benton Bicentennial during the year 1964.

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1963

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Health Officer: John Boutin, Sr.

Civil Defense Director: Ruth F. Page

Ballot Clerks:

Iona Boutin

William J. Harris

Ballot Inspectors:

Mildred Elliott

Osmon M. Collins

Bicentennial Committee

James M. Leonard

Ruth F. Page

Memorial Day Committee:

Ethel A. Boutin

Mildred Elliott

Lena Collins

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 10th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, James J. Page being the outgoing member; one Treasurer; one Tax Collector; one Highway Agent; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, Forrest E. Clark being the outgoing member; one Auditor; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$109.82 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22.31 for the White Mountains Region Association.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to combine the usual observance of Memorial Day with the observance of the 200th anniversary of the granting of the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for this purpose.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the publication of a Bicentennial booklet about the Town.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 7. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the playing of beano.

Given under our hands and seal the 1st day of February, A.D., 1964.

JAMES J. PAGE

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

OSMON M. COLLINS

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1964 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1963

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Actual 1963 | Estimated 1964 |
|--|----------------|-------------------|
| From State of New Hampshire: | | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | \$ 52.18 | \$ 50.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 10.46 | 5.00 |
| National Forest Reserve (one-half) | 1,091.85 | 1,000.00 |
| Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment | 507.04 | 471.91 |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes: | | |
| Dog Licenses | 33.00 | 35.00 |
| Interest Received on Taxes | 25.20 | 40.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 128.72 | 125.00 |
| Rent of Town Truck | 980.29 | 800.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 685.87 | 700.00 |
| Cash Surplus: | 1,891.72 | |
| From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes: | | |
| Poll Taxes | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 1,022.42 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes | \$ 6,518.75 | \$ 4,316.91 |
| Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes: | | 5,452.13 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | \$ 9,769.04 |

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1964 Compared with
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1963

| PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES | Actual 1963 | Estimated 1964 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Current Maintenance Expenses: | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 466.60 | \$ 450.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 470.05 | 450.00 |
| Election and Registration | 124.73 | 325.00 |
| Town Buildings Expenses | 80.68 | 100.00 |
| Police Department | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Fire Department | 51.50 | 100.00 |
| Blister Rust Control Program | 100.00 | |
| Health Department | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 4.25 | 5.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance-Summer | 935.10 | 800.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance-Winter | 1,368.18 | 1,000.00 |
| Class V Highway Maintenance | 507.04 | 471.91 |
| Town Road Aid | 111.89 | 109.82 |
| Town Truck Expenses | 892.46 | 1,000.00 |
| Memorial Day | 26.00 | 50.00 |
| Cemeteries | 274.76 | 250.00 |
| Regional Association | 17.58 | 22.31 |
| Bicentennial Celebration | | 200.00 |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| County Taxes: | 425.68 | 400.00 |
| School Taxes: | 4,203.12 | 4,000.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 10,094.62 | \$ 9,769.04 |

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1963

| | | |
|--|------|-----------|
| Land and Buildings | | \$112,595 |
| Electric Plants | | 33,800 |
| Boats (After Exemptions) | (3) | 105 |
| Horses | (4) | 275 |
| Cows | (91) | 8,890 |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks | | 200 |
| Portable Mill | | 3,000 |
| Lumber | | 2,500 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Valuation before Exemptions | | \$161,365 |
| Less: Veterans' Exemptions | | —6,000 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed | | \$155,365 |

STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED—1963

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Total Town Appropriations | \$4,964.99 | |
| County Tax | 425.68 | |
| School Tax | 5,175.61 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | | \$10,566.28 |
| ESTIMATED REVENUES | | —6,332.40 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$4,233.88 |
| Overlay | | 116.34 |
| | | <hr/> |
| AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES | | \$4,350.22 |
| Separate Tax Rates: | | |
| Town Rate | \$—.80 | |
| County Rate | .27 | |
| School Rate | 3.33 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Combined Rate | | \$2.80 |
| Net Valuation \$155,365 x Tax Rate \$2.80=Amount to be Raised \$4,350.22 | | |

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1963

| Title of Appropriation | Amount | Receipts & Reim- bursements | Total Amount Available | Expendi- tures | Unexpended Balance | Overdraft |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 450.00 | \$ | \$ 450.00 | \$ 466.60 | \$ | \$ 16.60 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 450.00 | | 450.00 | 470.05 | | 20.05 |
| Election and Registration | 65.00 | | 65.00 | 124.73 | | 59.73 |
| Town Buildings Expenses | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 80.68 | 19.32 | |
| Police Department | 15.00 | | 15.00 | 15.00 | | |
| Fire Department | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 51.50 | 48.50 | |
| Blister Rust | 100.00 | 2.00* | 102.00 | 100.00 | 2.00 | |
| Health Department | 5.00 | | 5.00 | 5.00 | | |
| Vital Statistics | 5.00 | | 5.00 | 4.25 | .75 | |
| Memorial Day | 25.00 | 8.00† | 33.00 | 26.00 | 7.00 | |
| Town Road Maintenance | | | | | | |
| Summer | 750.00 | | 750.00 | 935.10 | | 185.10 |
| Winter | 1,000.00 | .26‡ | 1,000.26 | 1,368.18 | | 367.92 |
| Class V Highway Maintenance | 507.04 | | 507.04 | 507.04 | | |
| Town Road Aid | 110.37 | 843.85¶ | 954.22 | 955.74 | | 1.52 |
| Town Truck Account | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 892.46 | 107.54 | |
| Cemeteries | 250.00 | | 250.00 | 274.76 | | 24.76 |
| Regional Association | 17.58 | | 17.58 | 17.58 | | |
| Interest | 15.00 | | 15.00 | 15.00 | | |
| County Tax | 425.68 | | 425.68 | 425.68 | | |
| School Tax | 5,175.61 | | 5,175.61 | 4,203.12 | 972.49 | |
| | <u>\$ 10,566.28</u> | <u>\$ 854.11</u> | <u>\$ 11,420.39</u> | <u>\$ 10,938.47</u> | <u>\$ 1,157.60</u> | <u>\$ 675.68</u> |
| | | | Overdraft | | -675.68 | |
| | | | Net Unexpended Balance | \$ 481.92 | | |
| | | | * Refund | | | |
| | | | † Donations | | | |
| | | | ‡ Patronage Dividend | | | |
| | | | ¶ State Share TRA | | | |

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1963

ASSETS

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| Cash | | |
| In Hands of Treasurer | | \$4,085.47 |
| Accounts due from State | | |
| Porcupine Bounties | | 66.00 |
| Uncollected Taxes | | |
| Levy of 1963 | \$930.64 | |
| Previous Years | 10.12 | |
| State Head Taxes—Levy | | |
| of 1963 | 85.00 | |
| State Head Taxes—Previous | | |
| Years | 5.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 1,030.76 |
| | | <hr/> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | \$5,182.23 |

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Accounts due to State | | |
| State Head Taxes—1963 | \$165.00 | |
| Yield Tax-Bond & Debt | | |
| Retirement | 147.47 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$312.47 |
| Accounts due School District | | |
| Balance of Appropriation | | 4,833.10 |
| | | <hr/> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | \$5,145.57 |
| Surplus | | 36.66 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$5,182.23 |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD, AND STATE HEAD TAXES

DEBITS

| Taxes Committed to Collector, Uncollected and Unredeemed Taxes as of 1/1/63 | Levy of 1963 | Levy of 1962 | Levy of 1961 | Levy of 1960 | Levy of 1957 | Levy of 1956 | Levy of 1955 | Levy of 1954 | Levy of 1953 |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Property Taxes | \$4,378.22 | \$393.92 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Poll Taxes | 98.00 | 14.00 | | | | 2.00 | | | |
| Poll Tax Abated, Not Remitted | | | 2.00 | | | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 824.19 | 60.61 | | 38.04 | 77.60 | | 36.40 | 3.08 | 9.82 |
| State Head Taxes | 290.00 | 45.00 | | | | 5.00 | | | |
| Unredeemed Taxes | | | | | 112.68 | 54.74 | 32.70 | .94 | 2.40 |
| Interest | 1.72 | 12.94 | | | | | 7.20 | | |
| Penalties | 5.00 | 3.00 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$5,597.13 | \$529.47 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 38.04 | \$190.28 | \$ 61.74 | \$ 76.30 | \$ 4.02 | \$ 12.22 |

CREDITS

| Remittances to Treasurer | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Property Taxes | \$3,418.67 | \$393.92 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Poll Taxes | 72.00 | 12.00 | | | | | | | |
| Poll Taxes Abated | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | | | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 804.99 | 60.61 | | | | | | | |
| Yield Taxes Abated | | | | 38.04 | 77.60 | 20.15 | 3.08 | 4.91 | 4.91 |
| State Head Taxes | 200.00 | 40.00 | | | | | | | |
| State Head Taxes Abated | 5.00 | 5.00 | | | | | | | |
| Unredeemed Taxes Abated | | | | | 112.68 | 54.74 | | | |
| Interest | 1.72 | 12.94 | | | | 32.70 | | | |
| Penalties | 5.00 | 3.00 | | | | 7.20 | .94 | | 2.40 |
| Discount | 72.11 | | | | | | | | |
| Uncollected Taxes | | | | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 887.44 | | | | | | | | |
| Poll Taxes | 24.00 | | | | | 2.00 | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 19.20 | | | | | | 8.12 | | |
| State Head Taxes | 85.00 | | | | | 5.00 | | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$5,597.13 | \$529.47 | \$ 2.00 | \$ 38.04 | \$190.28 | \$ 61.74 | \$ 76.30 | \$ 4.02 | \$ 12.22 |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Uncollected Taxes as of December 31, 1963

| | Property | Poll | Head | Yield |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Levy of 1963 | | | | |
| Resident | | | | |
| Boutin, John Jr., and Iona | \$ 39.20 | \$ 4.00 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 19.20 |
| Boutin, Joseph N. and Priscilla | 20.30 | 2.00 | 10.00 | |
| Crowe, Jane | | 2.00 | 5.00 | |
| Elliott, John G., Jr., and Catherine | 25.90 | 2.00 | 10.00 | |
| Elliott, Robert O., and Beverly | .98 | 4.00 | 10.00 | |
| Gregory, P. R., Jr., and Grace | 121.24 | 2.00 | 10.00 | |
| Harris, William J., and Seraphine | 15.40 | 2.00 | 10.00 | |
| Jones, William A., and Mary | 83.58 | | | |
| Lackie, Francis H., and Elizabeth | 442.94 | | | |
| Lackie, Frederick and Susan | | 4.00 | 10.00 | |
| Mason, Lloyd and Laura | | 2.00 | 10.00 | |
| Non-resident | | | | |
| Albert, George | 2.80 | | | |
| Andrews, Francis H., and Evelyn | 4.20 | | | |
| DeRusha, Kenneth | .70 | | | |
| Elliott, Robert F., and Alice | 25.20 | | | |
| Finn, Daniel J., and Mary R. | 77.00 | | | |
| Prue, William | 14.00 | | | |
| Shaw, James and Helen | 14.00 | | | |
| Levy of 1956 | | | | |
| Crowe, Jane | | 2.00 | 5.00 | |
| Levy of 1955 | | | | |
| Boutin, Joseph N. | | | | 8.12 |
| | <u>\$887.44</u> | <u>\$ 26.00</u> | <u>\$ 90.00</u> | <u>\$ 27.32</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE
Tax Collector

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

From Tax Collector:

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1963 | Property Tax | \$3,418.67 | |
| | Property Tax Interest | 1.72 | |
| | Poll Tax | 72.00 | |
| | Poll Tax Abatement | 2.00 | |
| | State Head Tax | 200.00 | |
| | State Head Tax Abatement | 5.00 | |
| | State Head Tax Penalties | 5.00 | |
| | Yield Tax | 804.99 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$4,509.38 |
| 1962 | Property Tax | 393.92 | |
| | Property Tax Interest | 12.24 | |
| | Poll Tax | 12.00 | |
| | Poll Tax Abatement | 2.00 | |
| | State Head Tax | 40.00 | |
| | State Head Tax Abatement | 5.00 | |
| | State Head Tax Penalties | 3.00 | |
| | Yield Tax | 60.61 | |
| | Yield Tax Interest | .70 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | 529.47 |
| 1961 | Poll Tax Abatement | | 2.00 |
| 1960 | Yield Tax Abatement | | 38.04 |
| 1957 | Unredeemed Tax | | |
| | Abatement | 112.68 | |
| | Yield Tax Abatement | 77.60 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | 190.28 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1956 | Unredeemed Tax Abatement | | 54.74 |
| 1955 | Unredeemed Tax | | |
| | Abatement | 32.70 | |
| | Yield Tax | 20.15 | |
| | Yield Tax Abatement | 8.13 | |
| | Yield Tax Interest | 7.20 | |
| | | <hr/> | 68.18 |
| 1954 | Yield Tax | 3.08 | |
| | Yield Tax Interest | .94 | |
| | | <hr/> | 4.02 |
| 1953 | Yield Tax | 4.91 | |
| | Yield Tax Abatement | 4.91 | |
| | Yield Tax Interest | 2.40 | |
| | | <hr/> | 12.22 |
| From Town Clerk: | | | |
| | Motor Vehicle Permits | | |
| | 1962 Permits | 28.88 | |
| | 1963 Permits | 632.62 | |
| | 1964 Permits | 24.37 | |
| | | <hr/> | 685.87 |
| | Dog Licenses | | 33.00 |
| Town Truck Hire: | | | |
| | Town of Benton | 883.69 | |
| | John Boutin, Sr. | 10.00 | |
| | Armand Hebert | 2.00 | |
| | H. P. Cummings Construction Co. | 84.60 | |
| | | <hr/> | 980.29 |

From Trust Funds: 1962 Income

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| For Highways | 58.25 |
| For Cemeteries | 70.47 |

 128.72
From State of New Hampshire:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Reimbursement a/c Town | |
| Road Aid | 843.85 |
| Class V Highway Maintenance | |
| Allotment | 507.04 |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 52.18 |
| Savings Bank Tax | |
| 1962 | \$5.92 |
| 1963 | 4.54 |

 10.46

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Reimbursement a/c Blister | |
| Rust | 2.00 |
| National Forest Reserve | 2,183.71 |

 3,599.24
Miscellaneous:

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Eastern States Farmers' | |
| Exchange, Inc., Patronage | |
| Dividend | .26 |
| Memorial Day Donations | 8.00 |

 8.26

Tax Anticipation Notes:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Woodsville National Bank | 1,000.00 | |
| Benton School District | 400.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,400.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$12,243.71 |
| Balance on Hand 1/1/63 | | 6,052.77 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 18,296.48 |
| Selectmen's Orders | | |
| and Service Charge | | —14,211.01 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance on Hand 12/31/63 | | \$4,085.47 |

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN

Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1963

Town Officers' Salaries:

| | |
|--|--------|
| William J. Harris, trustee | \$9.20 |
| Forrest E. Clark, trustee | 9.20 |
| John Elliott, Sr., trustee | 9.20 |
| Osmon M. Collins, selectman | 43.40 |
| John Boutin, Sr., selectman | 72.60 |
| James J. Page, selectman | 123.00 |
| Francis H. Lackie, tax collector | 60.00 |
| Priscilla Boutin, treasurer | 60.00 |
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk | 50.00 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, auditor | 20.00 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, overseer of public welfare | 10.00 |

 \$466.60
Town Officers' Expenses:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Motor vehicle guide | 14.60 |
| Supplies | 45.61 |
| Printing town reports | 190.89 |
| Transfers and redemptions | 5.68 |
| Association dues | 9.00 |
| Mileage | 19.76 |
| Meals | 14.26 |
| Postage | 33.86 |
| Officers' bonds | 69.00 |
| Killing stray dog | 5.00 |
| Surveying part of Easton town line | 15.00 |
| Boat report charges | 1.23 |
| Motor vehicle and dog fees | 38.00 |
| Bank service charge | 8.16 |

 \$470.05

Election and Registration:

| | |
|---|-------|
| Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor | 27.60 |
| Lena Collins, supervisor | 27.60 |
| Forrest E. Clark, supervisor | 27.60 |
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk | 9.20 |
| James J. Page, moderator | .9.20 |
| Osmon M. Collins, selectman | 9.20 |
| John Boutin, Sr., selectman | 9.20 |
| Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies | 5.13 |

 \$124.73
Town Buildings Maintenance:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Scruggs Hardware, supplies | 20.69 |
| John Boutin, Sr., wood | 60.00 |

 \$80.69
Police Department:

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| William J. Harris, constable | \$15.00 |
|------------------------------|---------|

Fire Department:

| | |
|---|---------|
| North Haverhill Fire Dept., Albert Boutin fire | \$51.50 |
|---|---------|

Blister Rust Control Program:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| State of New Hampshire | \$100.00 |
|------------------------|----------|

Bounties:

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| 120 porcupines | \$60.00 |
|----------------|---------|

Health Department:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| John Boutin, Sr., health officer | \$5.00 |
|----------------------------------|--------|

Vital Statistics:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk | \$4.25 |
|--------------------------|--------|

Town Road Aid:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$110.37 |
| Highway work reimbursed by State | |
| Labor | \$243.60 |
| Equipment hire | 600.25 |

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| | 843.85 |
| Equipment hire | 1.52 |

\$955.74

Town Road Maintenance, Summer:

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Equipment hire | 388.50 |
| Labor | 471.50 |
| Gravel | 67.50 |
| Supplies | 6.35 |
| Telephone | 1.25 |

\$935.10

Town Road Maintenance, Winter:

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Equipment hire | 479.20 |
| Labor | 525.97 |
| Supplies | 9.01 |
| Sand | 10.80 |
| Salt | 73.07 |
| Plow blades | 270.13 |

\$1,368.18

Class V Highway Maintenance:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Highway work reimbursed by State | |
| Equipment hire | 208.87 |
| Labor | 141.65 |
| Gravel | 94.05 |
| Black top | 62.47 |

\$507.04

Town Truck Account:

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| Gas and oil | 339.74 | |
| Repairs and maintenance | 249.43 | |
| Insurance | 135.80 | |
| Labor (to be reimbursed) | 3.45 | |
| Recapping tires | 164.04 | |
| | <hr/> | \$892.46 |

Memorial Day:

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|---------|
| Flowers | 4.00 | |
| Food and supplies | 22.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$26.00 |

Cemeteries:

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| John Ellicott, Jr., sexton | \$250.70 | |
| Fence posts | 5.00 | |
| Supplies | 9.46 | |
| Labor | 4.60 | |
| Mowing field | 5.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$274.76 |

Regional Association:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| White Mountains Region Association | \$17.58 |
|------------------------------------|---------|

Abatelements:

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Francis H. Lackie, Collector | \$342.80 |
|------------------------------|----------|

Interest:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Tax anticipation note | \$15.00 |
|-----------------------|---------|

Indebtedness:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Tax anticipation notes | | |
| Woodsville National Bank | 1,000.00 | |
| Benton School District | 400.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,400.00 |

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

| | | |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| State head taxes | 206.80 | |
| Yield tax, bond and debt retirement | 171.07 | |
| County tax | 425.68 | |
| Benton School District Appropriation | \$4,203.12 | |
| National Forest Reserve, one-half | 1,091.86 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | 5,294.98 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$6,098.53 |
| | | <hr/> |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | | \$14,211.01 |

TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1963

There are in custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income shown (\$188.14) is that received during the year 1963, and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

| Name of Fund | Distribution of Income | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| | Amount of Fund | Cemetery | School | Highways |
| Ira Whitcher | \$ 513.65 | \$12.96 | \$ | \$ |
| Whitcher & Mann | 500.00 | 8.50 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Whitcher & Mann | 1,000.00 | 15.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Whitcher & Mann | 1,750.00 | | 51.25 | |
| Whitcher & Mann | 1,750.00 | | | 51.25 |
| L. H. Parker | 200.00 | Field not rented, no income | | |
| J. C. Speed | 132.11 | 4.66 | | |
| Sam'l Whitcher and Wm. Kendall | 189.69 | 6.69 | | |
| Wm. T. Torsey | 45.46 | 1.60 | | |
| Samuel Annis | 45.46 | 1.60 | | |
| Jonithan Davis | 45.46 | 1.60 | | |
| George Clark | 190.27 | 6.71 | | |
| Ella Mann | 50.00 | 1.76 | | |
| K. L. Howe | 50.00 | 1.76 | | |
| D. M. & K. L. Howe | 100.00 | 3.52 | | |
| Isabella Tyler | 50.00 | 1.76 | | |
| Lee B. & Maude McKean | 100.00 | 3.52 | | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$6,712.10 | \$71.64 | \$58.25 | \$58.25 |

All the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., or are invested in Government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Bank, Lisbon, N.H.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HARRIS
FORREST E. CLARK
JOHN G. ELLIOTT, SR.
Trustees

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, Selectmen, and Highway Agent and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL BOUTIN
Town Auditor

February 1, 1964

REPORT TO HEALTH OFFICER TOWN OF BENTON, N. H. FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1963

Three Well Child Conferences and immunization clinics were held in Benton this past year. The infants and preschool children were given a physical examination by the physician and immunization against whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria, smallpox and polio. Booster shots were also given to those who needed them.

The school children and adults were also given Oral Sabin polio vaccine type III due to the epidemic in Canada. With the cooperation of the school nurse the Heaf tuberculin test was given to the children in the grades one and four.

The state public health nurse also made home calls to infants, preschool children and adults for counseling and assistance with health problems.

My sincere thanks for the cooperation received.

Respectfully submitted,

LORETTA B. RUSSELL, R. N.
Public Health Nurse
Lincoln, N. H.

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

The annual Memorial Day Dinner was held at the Community Building. The usual menu of baked beans and peas, cole slaw, bread, pickles, cake, ice cream, and coffee was enjoyed by all. We wish to thank those who helped with the dinner and those who donated money. We hope that the ladies from the Grafton County Farm can be with us again.

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Town Appropriation | \$25.00 | |
| Reimbursement | 8.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Available | | \$33.00 |
| Expenses | | |
| Supplies | \$22.00 | |
| Flowers | 4.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 26.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Unexpended Balance | | \$7.00 |
| Donations Received | | \$22.25 |
| Sale of Extra Food | | 3.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Available | | \$25.25 |

We used \$7.00 of donation money to purchase spoons and cups for the Community Building. Three dollars was used for paper plates and cups. The balance, \$15.25, was given to the Community Christmas Program for the children of the village.

LENA COLLINS
MILDRED ELLIOTT
ETHEL BOUTIN
Memorial Day Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Benton School District

Year Ending December 31, 1963

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman | Term Expires 1965 |
| Mr. James Leonard | Term Expires 1964 |
| Mrs. Mildred Elliott | Term Expires 1966 |

Other District Officers

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. James Page | Moderator |
| Mrs. Lena Collins | Treasurer |
| Mrs. Iona Boutin | Auditor |
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin | Clerk |
| Mr. Forrest Clark | Truant Officer |
| Mr. Ronald A. Perham | Superintendent of Schools |

Teacher

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mrs. Karen Patten | Benton Street School Grades 1-6 |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said District on the tenth day of March, 1964, at one o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN
JAMES LEONARD
MILDRED ELLIOTT
School Board

**BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF BENTON 1964-1965**

| | Budget 1963-1964 | Proposed Budget 1964-1965 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 100 Administration | | |
| 110.1 Salaries of District Officers | \$ 64.00 | \$ 64.00 |
| 135. Contracted Services | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| 190. Other Expenses | 15.00 | 25.00 |
| 200 Instruction | | |
| 210.3 Salaries of Teachers | 3,600.00 | 4,300.00 |
| 215. Textbooks | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 230. Teaching Supplies | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 300 Attendance | | |
| 310. Truant Officer | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 400 Health Services | | |
| 410. Salaries for Health Services | 65.00 | 65.00 |
| 500 Transportation | | |
| 535. Transportation | 932.00 | 1,874.00 |
| 600 Operation of Plant | | |
| 610. Salaries of Custodians | 410.00 | 400.00 |
| 630. Supplies | 15.00 | 50.00 |
| 640. Fuel | 80.00 | 190.00 |
| 645. Utilities | 85.00 | 100.00 |
| 700 Maintenance of Plant | | |
| 725. Replacement of Equipment | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| 766. Repairs to Buildings | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| 800 Fixed Charges | | |
| 850.2 Teachers' Retirement | 180.00 | 220.00 |
| 850.3 F.I.C.A. | 85.00 | 85.00 |
| 855. Insurance | 50.00 | 50.00 |

1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| 1477.1 Tuition | 4,515.00 | 5,100.00 |
| 1477.2 Transportation-to other school districts | 218.00 | |
| 1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses | 212.00 | 183.00 |
| 1477.4 Tax for State-Wide Supervision | 65.00 | |
| Contingency Fund | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| <hr/> | | |
| TOTAL | \$11,110.00 | \$13,225.00 |
| | | |
| # 200 Sweepstakes—contingent on receipt | | \$900.00 |

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE
1964-1965**

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1964.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 2 of the Budget Report.

\$13,225.00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Balance June 30, 1964 | \$ 100.00 |
| State Aid: | |
| Foundation Aid | 3,600.00 |
| Foundation Aid—Special | 400.00 |
| Federal Aid: | |
| National Forest Reserve | 1,000.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 55.00 |
| Sweepstakes Revenue—contingent on receipt | 900.00 |

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,225.00 for the school year 1964-1965.

ETHEL BOUTIN
JAMES LEONARD
MILDRED ELLIOTT
School Board

Recommended Motion:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District the sum of \$13,225.00 and in addition thereto the sum of \$900.00 for the same purposes or as much thereof as may be received by the District from the New Hampshire Sweepstakes under RSA 284, and that there be applied against said appropriation such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire together with any other income and that the School Board be authorized to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated income and the appropriation to be raised by taxes by the Town.

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1963

| | Budget 1962-1963 | Paid Out 1962-1963 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 100 Administration | | |
| 110.1 Salaries of District Officers | \$ 58.50 | \$ 65.00 |
| 135. Contracted Services | 14.00 | 8.00 |
| 190. Other Expenses | 20.00 | 54.90 |
| 200 Instruction | | |
| 210. 3 Salaries of teachers | 3,500.00 | 3,400.00 |
| 215. Textbooks | 200.00 | 55.17 |
| 230. Teaching Supplies | 200.00 | 204.58 |
| 290. Other Expenses | | 2.88 |
| 300 Attendance | | |
| 310. Truant Officer | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 400 Health Services | | |
| 410. Salaries for Health Services | 70.00 | 50.00 |
| 490. Supplies | 15.00 | 5.84 |
| 500 Transportation | | |
| 535. Transportation | 932.00 | 831.00 |
| 600 Operation of Plant | | |
| 610. Salaries of Custodians | 410.00 | 400.00 |
| 630. Supplies | 15.00 | 26.05 |
| 635. Contracted Services | | 30.00 |
| 640. Fuel | 80.00 | 187.90 |
| 645. Utilities | 85.00 | 102.15 |
| 700 Maintenance of Plant | | |
| 725. Replacement of Equipment | 50.00 | 55.75 |
| 766. Repairs to Buildings | 50.00 | |
| 800 Fixed Charges | | |
| 850.2 Teachers' Retirement | 170.00 | 120.40 |
| 850.3 F.I.C.A. | 75.00 | 122.56 |
| 855. Insurance | 50.00 | 41.80 |

1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts

| | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1477.1 Tuition | 3,815.00 | 3,988.98 |
| 1477.2 Transportation-to other school districts | 218.00 | 192.41 |
| 1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses | 212.00 | 201.55 |
| 1477.4 Tax for State-Wide Supervision | 65.00 | 60.00 |
| 1981 Refunds—Withholding (paid twice) | | 153.60 |
| Returned to Town of Benton | | 450.00 |
| Contingency Fund | 100.00 | |
| TOTAL | \$10,409.50 | \$10,815.52 |

Because of bookkeeping changes the usual list of itemized expenditures is no longer printed in the school report.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963

Receipts

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1962 | \$ 555.66 | |
| Revenue from Local Sources: | | |
| Current Appropriation | 4,090.42 | |
| Appropriation (later returned to town) | 450.00 | |
| Balance on Previous Appropriation | 642.70 | |
| Trust Funds | 58.25 | |
| Revenue for State Sources: | | |
| Foundation Aid | 3,905.72 | |
| Revenue from Federal Sources: | | |
| National Forest Reserve | 1,275.65 | |
| Refunds: | | |
| Internal Revenue—payment made twice | 153.60 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$11,132.00 |

Payments

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Orders of the School Board | 10,815.52 | |
| Cash on Hand June 30, 1963 | 316.48 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$11,132.00 |

July 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963**Receipts**

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1963 | \$ 316.48 | |
| Revenue from Local Sources: | | |
| Current Appropriation | 1,000.00 | |
| Revenue from State Sources: | | |
| Foundation Aid | 3,616.91 | |
| Special Foundation Aid | 493.00 | |
| Revenue from Federal Sources: | | |
| National Forest Reserve | 1,091.86 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 6,518.25 |

Payments

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Orders of the School Board | \$ 6,232.54 | |
| Cash on Hand December 31, 1963 | 285.71 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 6,518.25 |

BALANCE SHEET**June 30, 1963****Assets**

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Cash on Hand June 30, 1963 | \$316.48 | |
| Accounts Due to District | | |
| From Town | 450.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 766.48 |

Liabilities

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Excess of Assets Over Liabilities | \$ 766.48 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|

REVISED INCOME FOR 1963-1964

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Cash on Hand June 30, 1963 | \$ | 316.48 |
| Accounts Due to District From Town | | 450.00 |
| Revenue from Local Sources: | | |
| Appropriation, as determined by | | |
| Tax Commission | | 5,175.61 |
| Other Revenue from Local Sources: | | |
| Earnings from Trust Funds (estimate) | | 58.00 |
| Revenue from State Sources: | | |
| Foundation Aid | | 3,616.91 |
| Special Foundation Aid | | 493.00 |
| Revenue from Federal Sources: | | |
| National Forest Reserve (estimate) | | 1,000.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Income | | \$11,110.00 |

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1963

| | |
|--|------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1962 | \$ 555.66 |
| Received from Selectmen: | |
| Current Appropriation | \$5,183.12 |
| Received from State Sources: | |
| State Aid | 3,905.72 |
| Received from Federal Sources: | |
| Forest Reserve | 1,275.65 |
| Received from Trust Funds | 58.25 |
| Received from All Other Sources: | |
| Tax Refund | 153.60 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | 10,576.34 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year | 11,132.00 |
| Less School Board Orders Paid | 10,815.52 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance on Hand June 30, 1963 | \$ 316.48 |

LENA COLLINS,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN
Auditor

STATISTICAL TABLE
for 1962-1963

| School | Total Enrollment | Total Average Attendance | Total Average Absence | Percent of Attendance |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Benton Street | 12 | 11.5 | .5 | 96.0 |

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Deborah Elliott — Grade 4

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton School District:

I herewith submit my twenty-first annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton Street School in 1962-1963 was 12, the average membership was 12.0 and the percent of attendance was 96.0. There were fifteen pupils enrolled in other districts; three at Haverhill Academy, one at Woodsville High School, five at Woodsville 7th Grade, two at Warren Elementary School and four at Haverhill Elementary.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 15, grades 1 through 6. There are five elementary pupils and two high school pupils attending Haverhill, six pupils attending Woodsville Elementary and one pupil attending Woodsville High School.

There is one Benton pupil graduating from high school this year, David Harris.

Mrs. Patten tells us that she will be unable to teach at Benton next year. We have been very pleased with Mrs. Patten's work and feel Benton has been exceptionally fortunate to have her as a teacher for the past two years. We wish she could stay longer.

From the standpoint of good education and economy, the time has come when Benton will wish to consider transporting all of its pupils to Woodsville or Haverhill. There is very little chance that you will be able to replace Mrs. Patten successfully. The children have done well in the other schools. It appears that you can pay tuition and bus fare with the amount you are raising to maintain the Benton school.

We are faced with the problem of inadequate water

supply. It would appear that an artesian well or some other good water supply is necessary.

It is expected that Benton School District will be aided by funds from the New Hampshire Sweepstakes next year. At the present time there is no way of accurately estimating the amount of money the district will receive toward next year's budget.

I certainly appreciate your cooperation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of your children. Your School Board meets when needful. They are attentive to their duties and are most helpful in the operation of the school system. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 34
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #34, during 1963-1964, received a salary of \$9,800.00 which was made up as follows: \$4,750.00 paid by the State Department of Education from the per capita tax and \$5,050.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,300.00 for travel within the Union was also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel charged to each school district.

| District | Salary | Travel |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Benton | \$ 82.31 | \$ 21.19 |
| Easton | 62.62 | 16.12 |
| Franconia | 528.99 | 136.18 |
| Landaff | 70.45 | 18.13 |
| Lincoln-Woodstock | 2,309.36 | 594.49 |
| Lisbon Special | 1,434.20 | 369.20 |
| Lisbon Town | 263.36 | 67.80 |
| Lyman | 157.56 | 40.56 |
| Sugar Hill | 141.15 | 36.33 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$5,050.00 | \$1,300.00 |

RONALD A. PERHAM
 Superintendent of Schools

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1963

| Date of Birth and Name of Child | Sex | | Maiden Name of Mother | Name of Father | Residence of Parents | Birthplace of Father | Birthplace of Mother |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Living or | Stillborn | | | | | |
| January 18 Linda Ann Lackie | F | L | Susan Jane Spinney | Frederick Howard Lackie | Benton | Woodsville, N.H. | Portsmouth, N.H. |
| February 28 Joseph Napoleon Boutin | M | L | Priscilla T. Paradie | Joseph N. Boutin | Benton | Glendist, N.H. | Woodsville, N.H. |
| December 31 Lisa Jean Elliott | F | L | Beverly M. Moses | Robert Owen Elliott | Benton | Benton, N.H. | Woodsville, N.H. |

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N.H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1963

| Date of Death and Name of Deceased | Place of Death | Residence of Deceased | Cause of Death | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|
| | | | Age | Sex |
| April 23 Fred H. Sawyer | Benton | Conway, N. H. | 81 | M |
| August 13 Albert W. Batchelder | Benton | Fitzwilliam, N. H. | 59 | M |
| September 1 John Przybyla | Benton | Manchester, N. H. | 76 | M |
| December 16 Otto August Sarkela | Benton | Wilton, N. H. | 74 | M |

Program Of The White Mountains Region Association 1963 Year

Formed the White Mountains Industrial Council which in turn has successfully campaigned for a North Country Industrial agent.

Printed and distributed over 160,000 folders and booklets promoting the White Mountains region.

Printed in cooperation with the other five region associations of the state 400,000 booklets for the New York World's Fair.

Received over 8,000 inquiries and answered the same with packets of White Mountains folders or personal letters.

Sent over 25,000 pieces of mail from the office.

Wrote 44 news releases for use in the local media about vital economic issues.

Sent bulletins of inquiries to real estate dealers and bulletins of inquiries to innkeepers.

Supported the 4-H awards program to encourage the role of agriculture and awarded Mrs. Althea Hammond of Monroe "Outstanding Farm Wife of the Year."

Worked in cooperation with the Rural Areas Development committees of all three counties. Worked in cooperation with the White Mountains Recreation Association and other local promotional groups.

Conducted meetings throughout the region on vital current issues.

Upheld the interests of the North Country on bills and hearings at Concord relating to hunting, skiing, aviation, North Country industrial agent, North Country vocational school, access roads, and state park development.

Promoted new recreational developments and industrial developments.

Worked to raise the economy of the North Country of New Hampshire.

JOHN P. WILSON

Executive Secretary
White Mountains Region Ass'n.

**COVENTRY - BENTON
WARRANT FOR FIRST TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 1801**

State of New Hampshire
Grafton SS

} To Obadiah Eastman Esqr one of
the Justices of the peace for the
said County of Grafton we the
Subscribers

Free holders & inhabitants in the Township of Coventry in the State and County above said request you to notify & warn the freeholders and other inhabitants Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the Dwelling House of Major Jonathan Hale in said Coventry on Wednesday the thirtyeth Day of December AD 1801 at ten oclock in the fore noon to Vote and act on the Following articles—Viz

- 1 st to Choose a moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2 ly to choose a town clerk
- 3 ly to choose Selectmen a constable and other town officers as the Law Directs

Dated Coventry December the 11th AD 1801

In compliance with the above Written Request to me made, I do hereby notify and warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants in said Township of Coventry Qualified by Law to Vote in Town Meetings to meet at the time & place and for the purposes above mentioned or set forth in said Request

Given under my Hand and
Seal this eleaventh Day of
December AD 1801
Obadiah Eastman Just Peace

Robert Eliot
James Ford
Salmon Niles
Elisha Ford
Samuel Marston
Saml Jackson
Saml Jackson Jun
Obadiah Eastman Jun
James Eastman
Barnabas Niles

WARRANT FOR FIRST TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 1801

State of New Hampshire } To Obadiah Eastman Esq one of
Grafton ss } the Justices of the peace for the said
County of Grafton we the subscribers

Free holders & inhabitants in the Townships of Coventry
in the ~~State of~~ County aforesaid Request you to
Notify & warn the freeholders and other inhabitants
Qualified ^{by law} to vote in Town meetings to meet at the
Dwelling House of Mess^{rs} Jonathan Hale in said County
on Wednesday the ~~30th~~ ^{31st} Day of December A.D. 1801
at ten o'clock in the fore noon to vote and act on the

Following articles Viz

- 1st to Choose a moderator to govern said Meeting
 - 2^d to Choose a town Clerk
 - 3^d to Choose select men a Constable and other ^{town} officers
and ~~other~~ ^{as the Law directs}
- Dated Coventry December the 11th A.D. 1801

Robert Eliot
James Ford
Salmon Niles
Elisha Ford
James Madison
James Jackson
James Jackson junr.
Obadiah Eastman Junr.
James Eastman
Bartholomew Niles

In compliance with the above written
Request to me made, I do hereby Notify
and warn all the freeholders & other
inhabitants in said Township of Coventry
Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings
to meet at the time & place and for the
purposes above mentioned or set forth
in said Request

Given under my hand and seal
this eleventh day of December
A.D. 1801 Obadiah Eastman Justice